

REMARKS

With the addition of new claims 29 to 41 and the cancellation herein without prejudice of claim 28, claims 15 to 27 and 29 to 41 are pending in the present application, since claims 1 to 14 were previously canceled. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority and the indication that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 paper, and cited references.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 15 to 27 are allowed.

The remaining rejected claim has been canceled herein without prejudice, so as to obviate the remaining claim rejection.

New claims 29 to 41 have been added herein. Claims 29 to 41 do not any new matter and are supported by the present application, including the specification. Claim 29 includes subject matter analogous to that of claim 15, so that claim 29 and its dependent claims 30 to 41 are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as allowed claim 15.

Accordingly, all of pending claims 15 to 26 and 29 to 41 are allowable.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally presented in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 15 to 26 and 29 to 41 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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